

Congressional Map

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to redistrictingcommittee

Dear Redistricting Committee,

As a resident of Little Village I would like to express concern in the proposed congressional map. The 4th congressional district is the only Latinx-majority district in the midwest and it is critical that my entire community remain in the district. Beyond Latinx, thousands of immigrant, working-class, and progressive communities have thrived as a result of the historical creation of the 4th congressional district. The Latinx community deserves representation and while it is important to consider the growth of the Latinx population, particularly in the suburbs and collar counties, Latinx communities should not be pitted against one another.

Under the Voting Rights Act, the 4th congressional district and most importantly, our Latinx community, has the federal right to live in an area that provides us with an opportunity to elect a candidate of our choice. Under the proposed plan, though well-intentioned, that opportunity is stifled by splitting up the Latinx community and spreading the district into areas and communities we share less in common socio-politically, culturally, and economically. Doing so adversely impacts the opportunity to elect a candidate of our choice. I urge you to reconsider this proposal with the aim of ensuring the Latinx community is not diluted.

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